THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) DGCI & S is maintaining the India-China trade data on financial year basis. The position of India-China trade from 2001-02 to 2003-04 is as under:—

(US $ Million)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (P)
Export	951.95	1975.48	2959.22
%age growth	+14.87	+107.51	+49.80
Import	2036.39	2792.04	4048.35
%age growth	+36.44	+37.10	+45.00
Trade volume	2988.34	4767.52	7007.57
%age growth	+28.74	+59.53	+46.98

(Source: DGCI & S)
(P)-Provisional

The main items of India's exports to China are iron ore, primary and finished iron and steel, plastic and linoleum products, other ores and minerals, processed minerals, etc.

Increase in exports to China

†1001. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports from India to China have increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, the commodities whose exports have increased;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from China to enhance the bilateral trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN):: (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the commodities which have registered increase in exports to China include iron-ore, machinery and instruments, petroleum products, chemicals, non-ferrous metals, sesame seeds, man-made staple fibres, etc.

(c) and (d) The steps being taken on an on-going basis for increasing India-China trade include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions, organizing buyer-seller meets, exchange of delegations at both governmental and business levels, exchange of information, etc.

Indo-Pak talks on trade and economic cooperation

1002. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether two day Indo-Pak Secretary level talks were held in Islamabad in the month of August, 2004 on trade and economic cooperation;

(b) if so, the points and subjects discussed;

(c) whether any agreement was signed between the two countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent trade between the two countries would be improved further; and

(e) whether Pakistan's tea industry wants free deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During these talks, trade related issues were discussed. However, no agreement was signed.

(d) Bilateral trade between India and Pakistan is showing a buoyant trend during the current fiscal. The two-way trade between India and Pakistan during April-July, 2004 has almost trebled in four months, rising to US $ 186.36 million as against $ 64.41 million during the corresponding period last fiscal. If this trend continues, total trade between India and Pakistan may cross $ 500 million during 2004-2005.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration.